

**Work Session  
February 17, 2004**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Montgomery County Commissioners conference room. Chairman Maness called the meeting to order and the following was heard:

**Presentation of Yadkin/Pee Dee Lakes Project by Mr. Bill Medlin**

Mr. Bill Medlin, Executive Director presented an annual update on the status and work of Yadkin/Pee Dee Lakes Project. He said he is new in the role. Mr. Medlin said they have raised \$1.1 million in the fundraiser for the project. He said they decided not to go to public entity to ask for funds because of the hard times governments are having. Mr. Medlin said the fund raiser has been very successful.

He said they were trying to make the “central park” strategy a reality. He said they are trying to get one more out of five people to stay in the area. This will create 33,000 more jobs and \$3 Billion more dollars. Mr. Medlin said they are trying to take current assets to use as leverage to convince people to stay. He said a problem is there aren’t places to stay and dine.

Mr. Medlin said education is important. The Yadkin/Pee Dee Lakes Project has an ongoing education program.

He explained that Star is their pilot community. He explained the reason they picked Star was because of the 300,000 visitors to see the pottery. He said the more money they have the more communities they can help.

Mr. Medlin said that people want rural tourism and Montgomery County has scenic drives and open space activities. He said Montgomery County is blessed with outdoor resources already. Montgomery County has bike routes, cycling center, etc. He also discussed that the Yadkin/Pee Dee Lakes Project is pursuing funding to conduct feasibility studies on the possibility of developing a permanent Chautauqua within our region.

The thanked the board for support. He said that Roslyn Heaton and Judy Stevens are on their board. Mr. Medlin said that Montgomery County has ethnic diversity and has eight distinctive languages. He said he looks forward to meeting with you.

Chairman Maness asked about the Renfro Building. Mr. Medlin said they have discussed it and it has possibilities, but it is a large building and the roof needs to be repaired. He said they could work in conjunction with Montgomery Community College and have art and crafts classes and many other things.

Chairman Maness said maybe it will all work out. Mr. Medlin said we hope so too.

Mr. Medlin discussed the Bed and Breakfast business. He complimented the Blair House Bed and Breakfast.

Commissioner Corbett asked how many cyclists come to this area? Mr. Medlin said he wasn’t exactly sure.

Mrs. Roslyn Heaton, a Yadkin/Pee Dee Lakes Project Board member, was present and asked the board not to forget the project during the budget process. She said the program is already good, but we would like it to be outstanding. Mr. Medlin said a lot of times, support helps beyond money.

**Proposed Waste Water Rates**

Mr. Tim Carpenter was present and had supplied the following proposed Wastewater Rates for the new lake area water project:

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY SEWER SYSTEM  
LAKE TILLERY AREA SEWER SYSTEM  
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

	<b>Proposed</b>
1 Salaries	\$0.00
2 FICA	\$0.00
3 Retirement	\$0.00
4 401K Retirement	\$0.00
5 Group Insurance	\$0.00
6 Workmans Comp.	\$0.00
7 Contract Services	<b>\$207,000.00</b>
8 Professional Services	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
9 Maintenance Equipment	\$0.00
10 Long Term Maintenance	\$0.00
11 Maintenance Supplies	\$0.00
12 Gas & Oil - Vehicles and Generators	\$0.00
13 Bulk Treatment - Town of Mt. Gilead	\$85,020.00
14 Utilities	\$9,894.34
15 Conferences and Meetings	<b>\$0.00</b>
16 Copier Expense	\$0.00
17 Telephone	\$0.00
18 Postage	\$0.00
19 Advertisement	\$0.00
20 Printing	\$0.00
21 Laundry/Uniforms	\$0.00
22 Office Supplies	\$0.00
23 Insurance - Other	\$0.00
24 Insurance - Liability	\$1,000.00
25 Capital Outlay	<b>\$29,210.08</b>
26 Contribution to the General Fund	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
27 Existing Debt Service	\$0.00
28 Proposed Debt Service	\$0.00
<b>Total O &amp; M</b>	<b>\$352,124.42</b>
<b>Non Sewer Sales Revenues</b>	
29 Interest on Investments	\$1,000.00
30 Tap Fees	\$0.00
<b>Sewer Sales Revenues(Proposed)</b>	
31 Residential and Commercial	<b>\$351,124.42</b>
Balance Available	<b>(\$0.00)</b>

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY SEWER SYSTEM  
LAKE TILLERY AREA SEWER SYSTEM  
RATE SCHEDULE**

**PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE**

Base Rate	0 - 1,000 Gallons	<b>\$28.00</b>	
	1,000 - 100,000	\$11.00	/1,000 gal.

**Year 2003**

**USE AND INCOME ESTIMATES (RESIDENTIAL)**

EXISTING	NEW	TOTAL				
<b>Twin Harbor Customers</b>						
973	0	973	USERS @	365	GAL/MONTH =	<b>\$27,244.00</b>
<b>Other Users</b>						
5	0	5	USERS @	4,600	GAL/MONTH =	<b>\$283.00</b>
<b>Twin Harbor Owned Facilities</b>						
<b>Twin Harbor Customers</b>						
13	0	13	USERS @	10,576	GAL/MONTH =	<b>\$1,733.37</b>
TOTAL MONTHLY REVENUE =			\$29,260.37			
TOTAL YEARLY REVENUE =			<b>\$351,124.42</b>			

**Average Monthly Sewer Bills**

<i>Twin Harbor</i>	<b>\$28.00</b>	<i>based on usage</i>
<i>Tillery Tradition</i>	<b>\$56.60</b>	<i>based on usage</i>

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY SEWER SYSTEM  
LAKE TILLERY AREA SEWER SYSTEM  
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET  
ATTACHMENT TO THE OPERATING BUDGET**

1	<b>Salaries</b>					0.00
	Operator in Charge				\$0.00	
	Maintenance Crew					
	2 - Men					
	at	\$0.00	/yr		\$0.00	
	Admin and Billing				\$0.00	
2	<b>FICA</b>	7.65%				0.00
3	<b>Retirement</b>	11.00%				0.00
4	<b>401K Retirement</b>	6.00%				0.00
5	<b>Group Insurance</b>					0.00
6	<b>Workmans Comp.</b>	8.00%				0.00
7	<b>Contract Services</b>					<b>207,000.00</b>
	Service Contracts American Water Services					
8	<b>Professional Services</b>					5,000.00
	Engineering Services for Miscellaneous extensions and upgrades					
9	<b>Maintenance Equipment</b>					0.00
	Maintenance of Vehicles and rolling equipment					
10	<b>Long Term Maintenance</b>					0.00
	Pumps - Twin Harbor Interior					
	5 pump stations @	\$0.00	/yr/station		\$0.00	
	Pumps - Tillery Group Interior					
	2 pump stations @	\$0.00	/yr/station		\$0.00	
	Force Main Pump Stations					
	2 pump stations @	\$0.00	/yr/station		\$0.00	
	Maintenance of exterior Force Main (Along Lilly's Bridge Road)					
	Periodic cleaning of the main force main					

	2	Times per year @	0	/day	\$0.00	
		Servicing the Air Relief Valve				
	5	valves @	\$0.00	per valve	5	times/yr \$0.00
	<b>Maintenance</b>					
11	<b>Supplies</b>					
12	<b>Gas &amp; Oil - Vehicles and Generators</b>					
	2	Service Trucks @	\$0.00	/wk/truck	\$0.00	
		Generators				
	6	@	\$0.00	/ yr/generator	\$0.00	
13	<b>Bulk Treatment and Capacity Fee - Town of Mt. Gilead</b>					
	<b>Bulk Treatment Cost</b>					
	Twin Harbor Usage					
	540,000	gal month x 12 mon.	6,480,000			
	Tillery Tradition					
	25,000	gal month x 12 mon.	300,000			
	Total Usage					
	6,780,000	/1,000 gal x	\$9.00	/1,000 gal	\$61,020.00	/yr
	<b>Capacity Fee to Mt. Gilead</b>					
	30,000	gpd @	\$4.00	\$120,000.00		
	Capacity Fee to be paid over a 5 yr term				\$24,000.00	
14	<b>Utilities</b>					
	Twin Harbor Lift Stations - interior lift stations					
	5	Stations @	5	hp each	25	hp
	1	Stations @	30	hp each	30	hp
	Proposed Development					
	1	Stations @	10	hp each	10	hp
	1	Stations @	30	hp each	30	hp
	Total Horsepower				95	hp
95	HP	0.746	KW x	\$0.15	/KWH x 0.85 PF	9.04
	Assume Operating					
			3	hrs/day		
	\$9.04	/hr x	3	hrs/day		
			x	365	days/yr =	\$9,894.34 /yr
15	<b>Conferences and Meetings</b>					
16	<b>Copier Expense</b>					
17	<b>Telephone</b>					
18	<b>Postage</b>					
	0	Customers @	0.34	/cust./mon =	\$0.00	
19	<b>Advertisement - Consumer notifications</b>					
20	<b>Printing - Printing of quarterly information's packets and miscellaneous printing</b>					
21	<b>Laundry/Uniforms</b>					
22	<b>Office Supplies - Miscellaneous office supplies</b>					
23	<b>Insurance - Other</b>					
	Insurance of rolling equipment and pump stations					
24	<b>Insurance - Liability</b>					
25	<b>Capital Outlay</b>					

	Allocation of reserve funds for capital expenditures	
26	<b>Contribution to the General Fund</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
	Allocation of County Resources attributed to the Sewer System	
27	<b>Existing Debt Service</b>	0.00
	<b>Proposed Debt</b>	
28	<b>Service</b>	0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET</b>		<b>352,124.42</b>

Twin Harbor Treasurer was present at the meeting and he said in September or October, sewer line construction should begin in Section H.

Mr. Carpenter said work on a new development at the lake has begun. He went over the above proposed rate schedule and budget.

Chairman Maness said are they ready to start after we approve this? Mr. Carpenter said the contractor should be making the connection tomorrow.

Chairman Maness asked is American Water ready? Mr. Carpenter said a contract needs to be approved.

Commissioner Corbett asked who is responsible for painting the fire hydrants? Mr. Carpenter said Montgomery County Water System, but most importantly American Water Service. Mr. Carpenter said they are not taking care of this.

Commissioner Morris asked about generators. Mr. Carpenter said it is included in the contract of services. He said when new lines are constructed; a generator should always be built in.

Mr. Carpenter said we need to get the rate adopted. Commissioner Knight asked how they compare with the residents of the Town of Mt. Gilead? Mr. Carpenter said they are cheaper than Mt. Gilead. Mr. Knight said he went to the Town of Mt. Gilead meeting and there was concern about the rates. He suggested that the rates are not lower than the Mt. Gilead town people. Mr. Carpenter said the out of town rates are higher than inside. He said the customer base is more spread out and no taxes are being paid. Commissioner Knight said in town is cheaper because they pay taxes, if they are out of town they should pay more. Chairman Maness asked what is the average sewer rate? Mr. Knight said I don't know, but out of town pays more.

Mr. Carpenter said with all do respect these rates are for county customers. Mt. Gilead was given the same opportunity and they turned it down. We set the rate to get the system started. He said you are paying a premium. He said I am not trying to discount their problem, but they had an opportunity. Commissioner Knight asked Mr. Carpenter if he thought Mt. Gilead told people these rates would be cheaper than in town. Mr. Carpenter said this will help retire their debt service.

Mr. Knight said I think the mayor has this in mind, for now cheaper. He said the mayor is going to catch it. Chairman Maness explained the history and said they had a chance as well and turned it down. He said I don't see why we should charge our customers more because Mt. Gilead is. He said we will be bigger in five years. Commissioner Knight said it is something to think about.

Mr. Carpenter said Mt. Gilead hired a consultant to look at this. Chairman Maness said when we had our meeting they came with their engineer and said what they could do.

Mr. Carpenter said this is a new system with no money put into it.

The board agreed to move this forward.

### **Discussion of Purchase of New 911 Phone System**

Mr. Ron Adams was present to discuss the purchase of a new 911 Phone System. He provided the following information for the agenda packets:

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 911 COMMUNICATIONS**



**Ron Adams ♦ 911 Director ♦ 111 West Main St. ♦ Troy, North Carolina 27371  
Phone 910-572-1313 ♦ Fax 910-572-1382**

9 February, 2004

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners  
Montgomery County Administration  
102 East Main Street  
Troy, NC 27371

Dear Commissioners,

When I last met with you regarding the purchase of our new Voice Logger, we discussed the large balance in our 911 surcharge fund. You elected to reduce the monthly surcharge rate to reduce future growth of the fund, and encouraged me to investigate using some of the existing fund balance to purchase equipment upgrades which, in my opinion, would improve our 911 center's capabilities. I stated at that time that our existing Motorola 911 phone system is no longer manufactured, and will not be updated to accommodate changes in the delivery of wireless E911 phone calls. I speculated that migrating to a 911 phone system which is current and whose manufacturer is staying abreast of wireless E911 changes would be an authorized use of the surcharge fund and offer a substantial improvement in our center's capabilities.

Through my exposure to such systems at the annual North Carolina APCO/NENA conference, trade publications, and word of mouth, I have formed a very favorable opinion of the Sentinel 911 system offered by CML Emergency Services, Inc. I have spoken with the 911 directors from Randolph, Davidson, and Stanly counties, who all use the CML product, and each of them recommends it highly. The computer interface the telecommunicators use is far more intuitive, informative, customizable, and upgradeable than our existing Motorola system interface. CML is very aware of the importance of accurate location technology capability as wireless phones increasingly become the vehicle through which 911 calls are placed, and its product offering reflects this importance.

To find out more about the product, last fall I contacted CML's regional representative for our area, Sharon Bowers. CML offers its products through a network of value-added resellers, and Sharon suggested I solicit estimates from those who work in our area. I contacted Sprint, who provided the product for Randolph County, Concord Telephone Company, who provided it for Stanly County, and Wireless Communications, who serves the Charlotte area, requesting estimates. Considering they were all offering the same CML system, I was surprised at the disparity among their pricing schemes. Ms. Bowers offered that each of these value-added resellers receives unique incentives from CML based upon sales volumes and maintenance contracts as an explanation for the pricing discrepancies. Additionally, despite my best efforts to spell out exactly what I was seeking to each vendor, only one (Concord Telephone) provided an estimate containing all the features/equipment I requested. Sprint and Wireless are in the process of supplying the missing elements at this time, but the preliminary estimates are as follows:

	<u>SPRINT</u>	<u>CTC</u>	<u>WIRELESS</u>
<i>System Purchase</i>	<i>\$137,737.11</i>	<i>\$183,010.75</i>	<i>\$152,639.36</i>
(Includes install & training)			
(Note: Sprint's estimate lacks a Sentinel ALI Controller, which CTC lists at approximately \$14,500. The Wireless estimate lacks the necessary touch screen monitors, which CTC lists at approximately \$11,500, and a Net Clock time synchronization system, which both Sprint and CTC list at approximately \$6,500.00).			
	(14,500)		(11,500)
			(6,500)

Where the biggest discrepancies occur is in pricing maintenance agreements beyond the one- year warranty period:

	<u>SPRINT</u>	<u>CTC</u>	<u>WIRELESS</u>
<i>Years 2-5 Maintenance</i>	\$67,921.68	\$40,412.00	\$35,714.28
<i>Total Purchase &amp; Maint</i>	\$220,158.79	\$223,422.75	\$206,353.64

Although 911 Surcharge Fund money cannot be used to purchase radios or field radio equipment, upgrades to the telecommunicators' radio consoles is an acceptable use when the radio console upgrade is coincident with the 911 phone console. Motorola offers an upgrade to our existing radio console application (they are staying abreast of radio system changes, despite dropping 911 telephone systems), which I would like to integrate with our 911 phone system upgrade. Again, the upgrade offers more features and capabilities than our current system has, and would be a desirable upgrade to undertake at the same time we upgrade the phone system. Wireless Communications is the only vendor which can offer this upgrade to us due to Motorola's jurisdictional sales territories. Both Sprint and CTC would use Wireless Communications as a subcontractor to accomplish that upgrade, whether we choose Wireless for the phone system upgrade or not. The cost of that upgrade is \$121,249.00, and year 2-5 maintenance is \$37,400.78, for a total of \$158,649.78.

Please note that none of these prices are technically bids. They are simply proposals offered for comparison purposes. In looking at these proposals, I note that in many instances the quotes appear to assume no existing infrastructure, i.e. they include equipment that we already possess and would not need to replace such as headsets, headset jacks, foot switches, mice, some types of monitors, etc. We should be able to realize some savings by tailoring the proposals more accurately to our specific needs.

I will share with you some subjective observations regarding each of these vendors, their thoroughness in preparing these initial proposals, etc., when we meet on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

Ron Adams  
911 Director

Mr. Adams announced the latitude and longitude the center is ready to receive and they are testing it. He said we are looking at wireless phase 2. He explained the phone system they currently are using will do, but does not have enhancements.

Mr. Adams said the following numbers changed, since the packets went out:

	<u>SPRINT</u>	<u>CTC</u>	<u>WIRELESS</u>
<i>Years 2-5 Maintenance</i>	\$67,921.68	\$40,412.00	\$35,714.28
<i>Total Purchase &amp; Maint</i>	<b><u>\$228,829.64</u></b>	<b><u>\$223,422.75 (same)</u></b>	<b><u>\$209,339.92</u></b>

He said the information he gave came about after last summer the board discussed there was a large balance in the 911 Fund. He said this is what I thought would be a good way to use it. He said I received quotes from three vendors and the prices varied widely. He said my thinking is that we shouldn't go wireless because it is cheaper, I think I need to sit down and get request for proposals (RFPs). He said this is preliminary information for you; right now there is not one that is more preferable. Mr. Adams said I wanted to get your feeling. Is this more money than anticipated? All vendors lease and it would be a five year lease period. He said we will pay more, but will have more resources.

Commissioner Corbett said the equipment will be obsolete in five years. Mr. Adams said I chose this because this will be good to grow with. If Motorola would have done the same thing, we would have with them.

Chairman Maness asked how much is accrued in the 911 Fund? Mr. Adams said around \$460,000. Mr. Maness asked how much annually? Mr. Adams said I am not sure. Mr. Matthews said the expenses are less than the revenues.

Mr. Adams asked if he should pursue this or forget about it?

Commissioner Bostic asked if the current system can do latitude and longitude? Mr. Adams said yes. Mr. Bostic asked if there is anything the current system can't do? Mr. Adams said no, there are some limitations, but no. Mr. Bostic said he doesn't mean to be negative, but if we try to keep up with all of the new technology, we will be broke. He said we can't keep up.

Commissioner Bostic said that is another reason Bill Gates is so successful, is new technology.

Chairman Maness said we don't want you to do without. Mr. Adams said we are not going without.

Commissioner Morris said this is the only way we can spend it isn't it. Mr. Adams explained what the money can be used for.

Mr. Matthews said at some point it will be inoperable, we are trying to do some planning.

Commissioner Knight asked when we can locate wireless phone calls? Mr. Adams said it should be in place in April or wireless companies will be fined by the FCC.

Commissioner Knight asked Mr. Adams if he sees anything coming we might want to have that we will need or do we have to wait until then? Mr. Adams said presently no, he hasn't heard rumors of anything. He said newer systems will give us more functionality to create and draft reports.

Chairman Maness asked about the Nextel 2-Way Phones. Mr. Adams said it is his understanding they work the same, however if someone needs 911 and they have one of the 2-way phones; they will have to dial 911.

Commissioner Corbett said when will citizens begin being billed right? Mr. Adams said March 1.

Mr. Matthews said the finance officer should have notified the phone company and didn't. He said I can't let them take all of the blame.

Chairman Maness instructed Mr. Adams not to wait until they need something to ask. Mr. Adams said okay.

The board agreed to table this to a later date.

#### **Discussion of Setting Meeting Dates for the Board of Equalization and Review**

After some discussion, the board agreed to set Wednesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 14 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. as meeting dates for the Board of Equalization and Review.

#### **Discussion of NOLF Resolution**

Mr. Matthews gave the history on this issue. Chairman Maness said Washington and Beaufort Counties are opposed to this landing field. There will be 350 jets a day with no revenue to these counties.

Commissioner Knight said I compare this to the peach growers in Candor. What if they came in and said they were going to take the land the peaches are on?

Chairman Maness said this is also a bird sanctuary.



The board agreed to move this issue forward.

#### **Discussion of Possible Meeting with Badin Lake Fire District Board**

The board agreed to meet with the Badin Lake Fire District Board on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Discussion of Fire Insurance Boundary for Lake Tillery Fire District**

Mr. Matthews had a map that he displayed for the board. He said the Lake Tillery Fire Department has been working with the Department of Insurance to get insurance rates lowered. He said there is several things they have to do. He said the first thing is a map has to be adopted and only houses within five miles are eligible for lower rates. Mr. Matthews said the second thing is what we do with the ones who don't get the lower rates? He said there is legislation for six miles.

Mr. Matthews explained that we have a mutual aid agreement, but we can do an automatic mutual aid agreement. He said most of the departments in the county are 9S. He said they can go to a 10, but nothing better.

Commissioner Corbett said I thought we were shooting for 7? Mr. Matthews said I am not sure. Mr. Corbett said before we vote, we need to get someone in to talk with us. Chairman Maness asked why, people have been paying a fire tax. Mr. Matthews said they are trying for an insurance break, he said insurance break is different than tax break. He said I can talk with them and see if someone can come and talk with the board.

Chairman Maness said I am not saying I am for or against. He asked Mr. Matthews to get more information and bring it back to us.

#### **County Manager's Report**

##### **Insurance Agent of Record**

Mr. Matthews said he has had meetings with Bill Hudson regarding the Insurance Agent of Record. He said he would only charge \$1/per employee/month which would total \$2400. Commissioner Corbett said that is very cheap. Mr. Matthews said yes. Chairman Maness asked do we have to get bids for this? Mr. Matthews said no. Commissioner Corbett asked Mr. Mathews if he felt as confident as he did with Mr. Hudson? Mr. Matthews said yes.

Chairman Maness asked if the board needed to vote on this. Mr. Matthews said no, I just need to get a consensus.

Commissioner Corbett said we don't want to wait too long.

Mr. Matthews said the letter is ready and waiting on the okay.

It was a consensus of the board to hire Bill Hudson as Insurance Agent of Record.

##### **Jail Study**

Mr. Matthews said he hoped to have financing information at the next work session. He said that he received good news from Allen Hart with USDA. He said that he thought USDA could fund \$4.5 – \$5 million dollars. Mr. Matthews said we need to do the application and the funding period will be in four years. Chairman Maness said we do not need to wait. Mr. Matthews said we can do the pre-application after the next meeting.

##### **Randy Harvell/Probation**

Mr. Matthews informed the board that probation was not going to be able to lease the basement of the old Town Hall because they are in another lease and can not get out of it. He is still interested, but they can't have two leases open at the same time. Mr. Matthews said their lease was year to year, but they changed

it to a long term lease, although the lease amount would be cheaper, they can't get out of the lease until November of 2004. Mr. Matthews said I told him I wasn't sure if we could hold it for them.

Chairman Maness said he thought it might be a good idea to call Rep. Pryor Gibson regarding this.

Commissioner Corbett said he voted on the Town Hall because of the lease with probation.

Mr. Matthews said that Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce would be moving in on Friday. He said the water department will be moving in March with a target date of April 1, which we will put on the next bills that go out.

Commissioner Corbett said he heard on the street that the Inspections Department was moving in the basement.

Mr. Matthews said I talked with Phil Henley about the space and he looked at it, but he is not sure there will be enough room. He said we also discussed the SCAP office moving down there, which would free up space at DSS or moving child support there and we could get some income from that.

Chairman Maness asked if Randolph Transportation would be moving in? Commissioner Corbett said RCATS? Mr. Matthews said yes, they will be moving in upstairs and the rent may be more.

Chairman Maness said we need to contact Pryor Gibson regarding this.

#### **Regional Sewer System – Biscoe, Troy, and Star**

Mr. Matthews said the county has been involved to some extent with the Biscoe, Troy and Star Regional Sewer Project and we have also been talking with Handy Sanitary as well to try to do some things with them to try to bring the sewer from Handy into Troy as opposed to discharging into the Uwharrie River. He said in talking with some folks at the State level, it is probably appropriate at this point to submit a letter to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources stating we feel that this is a very viable economic alternative that the county is very interested in pursuing a regional system. I wanted to see if that was a consensus of the board to go ahead and try to send the letter into the state to let them know we are interested in this. This would help steer Handy in the direction that we prefer them go in; he said I know they are looking at several different options; we feel that this one would at least, financially, be the best option.

Chairman Maness, Commissioner Morris, and Commissioner Corbett said it is important that we do that. Chairman Maness said he would like to speak a little on this, he said he talked today with Judy, Lee and Pryor down at Troy, he said the numbers they were coming up with at the state were to build. . Handy wants to build a sewer plant and have control. It is going to cost \$2.5 million dollars to do it so Jarrod will have a job. He said they run the line where they need to run it and hook on here at Shiloh Meadows and use Town of Troy's sewer plant for \$1 million. I don't see why in the world they would want to build one if Troy has plenty of room.

Commissioner Corbett said Troy is state of the art. Commissioner Morris said they could also be padding the numbers also from early indications are. Chairman Maness said could be. He said they are also wanting to run the outfall line into the Uwharrie River. He said I am in total agreement to send the letter to Paul Ross the regional representative and make sure everyone is on the same page.

Commissioner Bostic asked what if we do get the regional sewer system; previous board's have talked about Handy has a lot of our county customers, what would be the thing to take over customers in our county. He said we would have to pay fair market price for their customers, but you could do that. I don't see why another county should make money off of our citizens. Chairman Maness said I don't know the legality of it, but I am with you. Mr. Matthews said I think they would have to be a willing seller. Commissioner Bostic said I don't think they do. Mr. Matthews said if they are a legal entity . .

.Chairman Maness said instead of us guessing, let's get Attorney Hollers involved in this and find out what we can do. Commissioner Corbett said the Institute of Government could help us as well. Mr. Maness said where ever you have to get the information and come to us. Mr. Carpenter said Federal law that protects special interest districts. Commissioner Corbett said elected districts. Mr. Carpenter said I am not sure about elected districts, but there is a law that protects districts like yours. Commissioner Morris said in the mean time you are going to go ahead and send the letter. Mr. Matthews and board members said yes.

### **Badin Lake Association**

Mr. Matthews read a letter the chairman received. The association invited the board for dinner at the Badin Lake Boat and Tennis Club. Chairman Maness said we need to come up with another date.

Commissioner Bostic suggested meeting on March 10, the same day we meet with the Fire District Board.

Commissioner Corbett said we could meet them 4:00 p.m. and meet with the fire department at 6:00 p.m. and we will have two hours with each.

The board agreed and asked Mr. Matthews to call them. Chairman Maness and the board requested a letter with all of the dates confirmed.

### **March Meeting**

The Board discussed have only one meeting in March because Chairman Maness and Commissioner Knight will be out of town. The meeting date will be March 9.

### **Radio Communication Fees**

Commissioner Corbett asked what we have decided about collecting the 911 Fees from the towns that haven't paid? Chairman Maness said I talked with Mr. Matthews about this. Mr. Matthews said he has a meeting Friday with the Town's to discuss this. He said everyone has paid last year's with the exception of Star and Mt. Gilead is making payments. He said he doesn't know the amount, about \$4,000. They have paid \$3,000 so far. Mr. Matthews said Mrs. Baxter hasn't billed them this year yet. The only one that hasn't paid is Star and Mt. Gilead has paid  $\frac{3}{4}$  of what they owe. The meeting is scheduled for Friday. Chairman Maness said let us know what Star is going to do because it is not fair for them not to pay and others are.

### **Commissioner Knight – Landfill Contract**

Mr. Knight asked if there was anyway the board could get together and look at the Landfill Contract? He said I think we should have done it last year. Mr. Matthews said one thing since the last meeting, I looked at the provision about the cost index (CPI) – it said at the end of the year, so I think we are covered there as far as going ahead and meeting and looking at setting the cost index. Commissioner Knight said he has been reading the contract and there are some words in there you have to read two or three times and study and try to figure out what is going on. He said he read something in there that indicated that we were supposed to do something last year. Mr. Matthews said that is the provision I was talking about set at the end of December 2003, we need to sit down and discuss with them if we want to do an increase on the host fees; I think it is something we should definitely look at doing. Commissioner Knight said I don't want it to be that we have to wait another five years. I think we need to set a date.

Mr. Matthews asked the board if they wanted to set up a special meeting to do this? Mr. Knight said I think we need to look at it, if no one else thinks we should look at it, then we won't. Mr. Matthews said you are going to be gone in March correct? Mr. Knight said yes. Commissioner Corbett suggested looking at this in April. Mr. Knight said I know it is a touchy thing, but it is something we need to do. I think we owe it to the citizens to get what we are supposed to get. Mr. Matthews said I think the adjustment of the host fee really doesn't have anything to do with some of the other issues. Mr. Knight

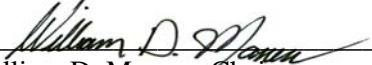
said we need to look at all of the issues. Mr. Matthews said I didn't know if you wanted to separate the discussions. Commissioner Corbett asked Chairman Maness if April would be a good time? Chairman Maness said yes we need to get it on the agenda.

**Items Carried Forward**

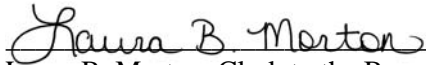
*The following items were carried forward to the regular session:*

- Waste Water Rates for the Lake area Sewer Project
- NOLF Resolution

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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William D. Maness, Chairman



  
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Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board